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Under the authority of the *Pest Control Products Act*, Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) is proposing to establish maximum residue limits (MRLs) for fosetyl-aluminum on avocados, macadamia nuts and pineapples to permit the import and sale of foods containing such residues.

Fosetyl-aluminum is a fungicide currently registered in Canada for use on certain fruits and vegetables.

The PMRA has determined the quantity of residues likely to remain in or on the imported food commodities when fosetyl-aluminum is used according to label directions in the exporting country. The Agency has also determined that such residues will not be a concern to human health and is proposing to legally establish corresponding import MRLs. An MRL applies to the identified raw agricultural food commodity as well as to any processed food product that contains it, except where separate MRLs are specified for the raw agricultural commodity and a processed product made from it.

Details regarding the registration can be found in the corresponding Evaluation Report that is available in the Pesticides and Pest Management section Health Canada's website, under Public Registry, Pesticide Product Information Database.[1]

To comply with Canada's international trade obligations, consultation on the proposed MRLs is also being conducted internationally by notifying the World Trade Organization, as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada.

The proposed MRLs in Canada in or on food, to replace or be added to the MRLs already legally established for fosetyl-aluminum, are as follows.

Proposed Maximum Residue Limit for Fosetyl-aluminum

Common Name	Residue Definition	MRL (ppm)	Food Commodity
Fosetyl-aluminum	aluminum tris (*O*-ethylphosphonate)	25 0.2 0.1	Avocados[a] Macadamia nuts Pineapples

ppm = parts per million

[a] The MRL is proposed to replace the currently established 10 ppm MRL for avocados.

[1] The relevant report can be accessed by selecting Applications/Amendment /Historical and requesting the Evaluation Report found under Application Number 2008-5885.

International Situation and Trade Implications

The MRLs proposed for fosetyl-aluminum in Canada are the same as corresponding tolerances established in the United States (tolerances are listed in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 180, by pesticide). Currently, Codex MRLs[2] are not listed for fosetyl-aluminum in or on any commodity on the Codex Alimentarius Pesticide Residues in Food webpage.

Next Steps

The PMRA invites the public to submit written comments on the proposed import MRLs for fosetyl-aluminum up to 75 days from the date of publication of this document. Please forward your comments to Publications (see the contact information on the cover page of this document). The PMRA will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposed MRLs for fosetyl-aluminum and posting a corresponding Established Maximum Residue Limit document in the Pesticides and Pest Management section of Health Canada's website.

[2] The Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international organization under the auspices of the United Nations that develops international food standards, including MRLs.